

**Spring 2016 Counseling System of Support Workshop**  
**"Real World Learning"**  
**K-12 Career Development**

**Overview:** Preparing college and career ready students is a K-12 challenge that continues to draw attention from both educators and employers. Issues that consistently negatively impact performance include lack of student; motivation and/or engagement, employability skills, and understanding of the connection between education and the world of work.

The majority of the time will be devoted to experiencing the world of work through employer panels and/or tours of local career centers or business/industry. Information and insights will be relevant to all K-12 counselors as the Individual Student Planning process defines the learning and experiences students need to develop "career maturity" over time, including life and career competencies and employability skills. Making the connection between school and work is a critical goal that benefits educators, employers and ultimately students. This professional development experience will position school counselors to provide leadership in this process.

All K-12 school counselors will benefit as elementary awareness, middle school exploration, and high school planning and decision making are addressed.

**Outcomes:** As a result of this experience, participants will be able to:

- Gain insights from employers that will benefit student understanding and decisions
- Use new learning to better support career awareness and development through the K-12 Individual Student Planning Process
- Develop specific talking points and action plans for their program and school

**Targeted Audience:** K-12 school counselors and counselor educators

**Registration:** [Include link to the workshops information](#)

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